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Books of Correspondence of Committee on Foreign Missions A. D. 1843.

Princeton Theological Seminary
Society of Inquiry. Committee
on Foreign Missions

Princeton Theological Seminary
October 21st 1843.

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At a Meeting held this day by the Corresponding Secretary and Assistant Corresponding Secretaries of the Committee on Foreign Missions, for the purpose of devising a plan that would best further the cause of Foreign Missions by their correspondence; it was

Resolved. That as this department is one of vast importance and if properly conducted by the blessing of God may report an influence incalculable in its extent; and as it is a duty liable to be neglected through the multiplicity of duties in the Seminary therefore

Resolved. That the said Secretaries meet on the first day of every month at the room of the Secretary for the purpose of attending to the duties of their office & with a view to secure a certain action on this subject. That at such meeting each of the Secretaries of Correspondence undertake to write at least one letter during the month & more if occasion should seem to require it & it was farther

Resolved. That the proceedings of each meeting be recorded in a suitable book to be procured for that purpose; & that each record shall ~~appear~~ contain an abstract of the letters written and sent during the preceding month; and that an Index be Kept (at the back part of the book) giving the names & stations of Missionaries to whom letters have been sent and together with the date of letters Sent; and it was farther

Resolved. That we do recommend those who may succeed us in these offices to continue this plan if experience should prove that it is for the welfare of Zion, even should it prove a personal inconvenience for we are not our own but have been bought with a price and are bound to glorify God in body and in spirit which are his.

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Princeton Theol Seminary
November 1st 1843.

In accordance with the resolution paped at the last meeting, the Corresponding Secretaries of Committee on Foreign Mipsions met this day & opened with prayer by brother Lloyd.

Three letters were reported as written & sent during the month of October an abstracts of which are given below. It was agreed that Revd W P Buell, Chain, Revd W Anderson Texas, & Revd W Hamilton & Wm Irwin Mipsionaries to Iowa & Sac Indians, be the Mipsionaries written to during the present month. There being no other busines on hand the meeting adjourned sine die.

Letter to Revd R McLoughridge, Mipsionary to Creeks written by brother J Lloyd October 26. 1843.

Contents, - 1st Correspondence solicited 2d benefits arising from it 1st It will excite us to pray more for the Indians & for the Mipsionaries 2d It may excite Students to go out as Mipsionaries 3d It may excite those who become pastors at home to feel more on the subject & to excite their people to feel, to pray & to give more.

3d Advantages of & reasons for Mipsionary labor among the Indians. 1st They are near us. 2d Their climate is ours, 3d their language is pretty easily acquired 4th good succes has attended Mipsionary labors among them, 5th we should give them the Gospel because we have taken their lands; have introduced vices among them to which they were strangers & have treated them ill. 6th we should give them the Gospel because they have souls & because they are paping away & because no other nation will send it to them.

Abstract of a letter sent to R W Sawyer. Settra Kroo Africa October 25th Associations connected with Princeton as he was formy a member both of the College & Seminary, Remembrance of him by Students. Intelligence received from him how appreciated

renewed request for correspondence with him & benefits of such correspondence enlarged upon. Statement of an address before the Students by Mr Lowrie Secretary of the board of Missions of our Church & Items of Address &c. State of Christian world. request as to nature of intelligence he desires in this correspondence. Puseyism, its progress in our Country. Romanism. Tokens of good among us. among the Indians. 10 Ministers gone to settle in Iowa. progress of Temperance. of Gospel among the Indians. Statements from letter received from Rhenish Missionary Seminary Germany. Scotch Church, remarks upon its present condition Sympathy with it. State of Religious feeling in the Seminary request of speedy answer & desire for remembrance.

Abstract of a letter sent to Rev Peter Dougherty. Grand Traverse Bay. by Wm S Murphy. Oct 29th 1843.

1st Acknowledgment of last letter. Expression of gratification at the cheering intelligence it contained. Congratulation on his success thus far & future prospects. Sympathy felt for him in his trials & difficulties & encouragement to trust in God. Solicitation for continued correspondence. May do not read much Missionary intelligence & such most need it both information & appeals. Such correspondence more impressive because directed particularly to ourselves. Zeal in the Church on this subject depends on the Students pastors & if graduates lack Miss Zeal in leaving they probably always will. Mr Lowrie's visit. object of his address to Students to excite a Missionary Spirit in those who remain at home & through them to awaken the Church. State of Missionary feeling among the Students. much interest in the graduating class four of whom intend going on a Mission & last little in the other two classes. probable reason the new interest given to home Missions. over

Health of the faculty. Items of information concerning Library building, acquaintances &c.

Princeton December 1st 1843.

The Committee met & opened with prayer by Brother Murphy. Three letters were reported as written & sent during the month of Novr. Contents of which are given below viz

To Revd Wm S Bull ——— Bankok Siam Novr 1843. Written by Wm A Wetmore.

Contents 1st The object of writing to request correspondence 2d advantages of such correspondence both to the Seminary & to the Missionaries themselves, Statement of the Society of Inquiry its success &c. Remarks upon apathy in the Church upon the subject of Foreign Missions, its cause, design to extend correspondence to all Stations of our own board and as far as practicable to others. By this means the claims of the whole Heathen world will be presented to the Students — anticipated effects from appeals & statements of Missionaries. One cause for present apathy is. The claims of our own Country — Some accot of the State of our Country, among other Items that there were 700.000 adults in the United States who could not read — danger from popery — address from Messrs Lowrie & Morrison to the Students — Puseyism its progress & effects in India & among Presbyterians — Scotch Church Sympathy felt for it in this Country. Colporteur System in our Country — acknowledgment of Pamphlets &c

To Rev Mr Henderson — Texas Novr 15th 1843. by S Lloyd 2d Asst Cor Secretary

Contents — 1st A request for correspondence & its object 2d The advantage of such written intercourse First

it may dispose some members of the Seminary to become Missionaries. Second. It excites our prayers in behalf of Missionaries. Third It produces an interest for Mission in our minds & thus fits us for going out to the churches of our land and exciting in them a new interest in the same subject 3d Several questions proposed about the moral State of Texas & Mexico 4th Information about Mr Lowries visit to the Seminary, about the religious & missionary feeling among the Students and about the general State of the Seminary.

Contents of letter written to Messrs Rev W Hamilton & Wm Irvin Missionaries to the Sowa & Sac Indians. Nov 11th 1843 by Mr Murphy 1st Assistant Cor Secretary

1st An account of the Society of Inquiry 2d Solicitation of Correspondence 3d Reasons, first Many of us read but little missionary intelligence Second That information which is addressed directly to ourselves is more impressive Third The importance of missionary information in deciding our field of future labor & Fourth in enlightening & awakening up the Churches to their duty on this subject 4th State of Missionary Spirit in the Seminary

It was agreed that Revd Justin Perkins Persia Revd Wm Goodell Constantinople & Revd Lewis R. Wilson be the Missionaries written to during the present month adjourned to meet January 1st 1844.

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Princeton Theo Seminary
January 1st 1844.

The Committee met & opened with prayer. Three letters were reported written & sent during the month of december as follows viz - To Rev Justin Perkins, Persia, Rev Wm Goodell, Constantinople & Rev H R Wilson, North India. abstracts of which are given below as follows

Dec 7th 1843. To Rev Wm Goodell Missionary at Constantinople by John Lloyd 2d asst Corresponding Secretary

1st Solicit his correspondence - Such correspondence is beneficial to us and it gives the Missionary an opportunity either to excite some to become Missionaries or to labor more earnestly at home in behalf of Foreign Missions - God employs means to effect his gracious designs & he may make this correspondence a means of leading some candidates for the ministry to his proper field of labor.

2d Give him some information about the Seminary - No of Students - State of religious feeling in the seminary - No who have determined to become miss - remarks upon the greatness of the work of Foreign Missions & the weakness of our faith.

3rd express sympathy for the afflicted Nestorians & remarks upon the signs of the times and the ultimate peace which God will bring about when present religious & political commotions are at an end.

Dec 2d 1843. Contents of letter to Rev Justin Perkins - Persia by Wm J Murphy.

1st Account of Society of Inquiry 2d notice of his late visit to us 3d our interest & sympathy for the Nestorians in their trials 4. Solicit his correspondence 5 reasons for this request. 6 State of Missionary feeling in the Seminary 7. Notice the late developements of Episcopal opposition to the Am Board of Missions

Dec 27th 1843 Contents of a letter to Rev H R Wilson North India by Wm A Westcott

1st Reference to former correspondence with Mr Wilson when a Missionary

among the Indians of this country in 1833. 2d probable effects of that correspondence to awaken candidates to a sense of duty, 3d to cultivate in them a missionary spirit 3d as pastors to present the wants of the heathen to their flocks & keep them advised of the state of the Heathen world 5th desire to resume correspondence - reasons in addition to them before given that our correspondence has dwindled down to almost nothing. 4th design to extend to all missionary boards as far as is practicable & our hopes from such a measure. 5th correspondence of benefit to missionaries, 6th request as to kind of intelligence most agreable - 7th Some Account of the state of religion among the Indians of this country - 8th Account of this Seminary - its students - state of piety - number of missionaries among us. 9th No. of Sons students in the College 10th Seminary visited by Mr Lowrie, Revd Lambell & Baird - Revd J H Morrison - 11th Scotch Church - Puseyism - Popery

The Committee concluded to write during the month to Revd Richard Armstrong, Honolulu. Revd Geo. H. Apthorp - Ceylon & to Revd J Leighton Wilson West Africa adjourned to meet February 1th 1844

Princeton Theol Seminary
February 1th 1844.

The Committee met & opened with prayer by brother Lloyd

The Letters written as per resolution at last meeting were to Revd Mr Armstrong Revd Geo Apthorpe and Revd J Leighton Wilson.

Contents of a letter written to Revd Richard Armstrong Honolulu Sandwich Islands Jany 22. 1844. by Jno Lloyd.

1st We solicit him to renew a former correspondence

2d State the advantages of such correspondence. It gives the missionary an opportunity of appealing to Candidates for the ministry in behalf of the claims

of the Heathen 2d His letters are a means of stirring up the Christian feelings of these Candidates & thus fitting them to go out into the Church & to work themselves in behalf of missions. This is necessary for now there is a mournful deficiency of missionary feeling in most of the Churches 3d his letters may be the means of inducing some student to devote himself to the cause of missions. Give some intelligence about the condition of the Seminary & the state of missionary feeling.

Letter to Rev Jos H Apthorpe Oorayy, Jaffna Ceylon.
by Mr Murphy.

Contents. Reasons for asking renewal of his correspondence
1st The need of more missionary laborers 2d the Churches apathy & this attributed in some measure to the pastors.
3 There must be a reformation on this subject
4 It must begin among young ministers & the Students
5th Missionaries are the ones above all others to operate on our Students & that by direct correspondence with them.
State of Missionary feel & of religion in the Seminary & Town.
Intelligence respecting our teachers & Others.

Contents of a letter written to Rev J Leighton Wilson W. Af

Object in writing to request correspondence. Our plan is to secure correspondence from all parts of the world & thereby aid missionary cause. Want of feeling in the Church on the subject of Missions. one cause want of proper feeling in the pastors as it is proved by experience that where pastors have been fully engaged in this work the people have also been zealously affected. Remedy from the plan above alluded to. benefit of such correspondence to Missionaries — Specification of benefit. request as to Kind of intelligence we shd furnish in

our letters – State of religion in this Country – in Princeton – in the Seminary & College – Scotch Church. Visits made by Missionaries now in this Country & others to the Seminary – expression of gratification at the prospect of your mission.

Letters to be written present month to Rev Ozro French John D Benn & Rev Mr Lawson Thompson. adjourned to meet March 1st 1844

Princeton Theo Seminary
March 1st 1844.

The Committee according to adjournment, & opened with prayer.

The following letters were reported as written the past month.

Contents of a letter written to Rev Ozro French Missionary at Seroor Nisid by John Lloyd. 2d assist Corr Secretary 1st Stated the object of the letter & expressed our pleasure in being permitted to receive letters from our brethren in Foreign lands.

2nd Made some statements about the several branches of Correspondence in the Soc of Inquiry. 1st Domestic Missionary correspondence – This is interesting – It presents the claims of the far west & urges us to settle there. In this connection remarked upon the slowly growing interest for domestic missions in our Church. 2nd Our correspondence with collegiate Theological & Missionary institutions in our own country & in european Countries – This is interesting. 3d Foreign Missionary Correspondence It has not been carried on with energy – We wish to revive it. It is interesting & beneficial to us & to missions inasmuch as it secures our prayers & our efforts. In this connection remarked upon the little interest felt by the Church in the cause of Fn Missions

but our trust is in God. Stated that four of our number are going to China this ~~year~~ Summer —

Contents of a letter written to J Douglas Boone Seminole Agency Arkansas.

1st Remarks upon remembrance of him in the Seminary. 2d upon his new situation as a teacher among the Seminoles. 3d Of the design of this letter to solicit a correspondence. for the following reasons viz 1st That the Indians may be represented and their claims presented and urged for Missionaries among them. 2d for the prayers of Christians on their behalf 3d such a correspondence will be the means of encouraging strengthening & animating each other in the common cause of our redeemer & keeping each other acquainted with what religious intelligence comes under our observation.

Some further remarks upon the establishment & success of Missions among other tribes. encouragement derived therefrom & and last items of local intelligence

The committee resolved to write to the following Stations on present month. To Baptist Mission at Burmah To Moravian Mission, West Indies & To Methodist Mission Buenos Ayres. South America.

Adjourned to meet 1st day of April 1844

Theol Seminary. Princeton
April 1st 1844.

The Committee met as per adjournment present Messrs Lloyd & Westcott who responded the following letters. viz

Contents of a letter written to Rev W H Norris of Buenos Ayres in South America by John Lloyd 2d Apistl Cor Sec.

1st requested a correspondence. 2d. gave some account of the Society of Inquiry, its organization & design. 3d. Stated the advantages of such correspondence. It secures our prayers for the Missionary. It is a means of stirring us up & preparing us to exert a good influence on the church in behalf of Missions. It may dispose some of us to devote ourselves to the work of Mission 4th. Gave some information about the number of them in the Seminary who expect to become missionaries & about the revival in this place.

Contents of a letter written to Rev Francis R Holland Missionary at Fairfield, Jamaica, West Indies.

1st. Statement of formation of Society of Inquiry & its design 2nd. Effects of it in promoting the interests of Zion if the design is fully carried out. Specifications of ways in which it may do this, nearly same as given in former letters. Again it serves for the mutual encouragement of Missionaries & Students. Request as to kind of information most desirable. State of piety in our churches - Revival in village of Princeton & hopes of its continuance & that may extend to College & Seminary. Revival at Milford Pa mentioned as it was supposed might be interesting as from being near some of the Moravian Settlements in this County - Missionary operations in this country. Missionary feeling in the Seminary - No of Students - No of Missionaries in Seminary going to China coming summer - Some remarks upon success of Moravian Missions &c.

As brother Murphy 1st Apistl Corres Secretary had left the Seminary the

past month but two letters were written.
Letters to be written present month to Messrs Hamilton & Irwin & Rev Mr Comstock baptist mission at Burmah: As two of the Committee would be absent the next month it was resolved that no further meeting be held this session.

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May 1st 1844.

Contents of a letter written to Rev Mr Comstock of Burmah, by John Lloyd 2nd asst Cor Secretary.

1st Some account of the Society of Inquiry & its object
2d Stated the advantages of a correspondence with Foreign Missionaries, such as it excites to prayer, induces some to go out & has an influence on the church through the students when they become pastors.
3d Some account of the Seminary - state of missionary feeling &c

Contents of a letter written to Rev Wm Hamilton & Mr S M Irwin, missionaries to Iowa & Sac Indians, Mo.

1st Thanks for promptness with which they responded to our request of correspondence & apology for not answering sooner - apparent of the joyful reception of their letters & hopes as to their ~~[illegible]~~ effect
2d Our object chiefly to keep up a feeling of brotherly love &c at length - to secure prayers of each other in our common work & in this way to be beneficial to the cause of Christ
3d Some remarks on influence of Clergymen on Society & how through change of public sentiment wrought by the ~~[illegible]~~ benign ~~[illegible]~~ of the Gospel we may look for beneficial results to the Indians. Some remarks on present state of the Christian world.
4th Encouragements for hope though your present prospects

seem dark. God will manifest himself in his own good time. Some statements of revivals occurring recently under peculiarly dark and discouraging circumstances, & encouragements therefrom — local news — Answers to Inquiries in relation to neighbouring baptist station &c Questions as to Climate, habits & peculiarities of the Indians difficulty of acquiring the language &c.

With this record the duties of the present Secretaries cease. God grant that his blessing may rest upon their labors & make them instrumental in advancing his glory among men.

Theological Seminary May 11th 1844.

It becomes the duty of the Secretary of the present session to write letters to Mess. Lloyd. Loomis Culbertson and Brown who are soon to embark as missionaries for China. The letters as to substance were the same varying in phraseology.

Contents of letters written to Rev. John Lloyd. Rev. A W Loomis Rev. Mr S Culbertson & Rev. Hugh A Brown.

Duty & pleasure of secretary to solicit their correspondence after they have arrived on heathen ground. Remarks at length on benefits of such correspondence. appeal to their own observation as to its benefit during their course in this institution Remarks as to state of church on subject of missions. its cause & cure at some length (in one or two of the letters). As they been so long in the institution their own judgments will be the criterion as to the nature of the intelligence communicated & request that in their answers to these letters what kinds of intelligence they have least means of acquiring & that will be

most acceptable to them. best wishes & prayers of the Students for their happiness & success in their high & holy vocation.

The°. Semy. 1st Oct°. '44

The Com. of Correspondence met in the room of the Secy. and there being no letters, that had been written during the last Month, it was agreed that letters should be written during the present Month to Dr. D. B. McCartee. Macao China, W. M. Lowrie do do. Rev. L. Janvier N India. Rev. J. J. Walsh do India.

Scott W. M. Secy.

The°. Semy. 1st Nov°. '44

Com. met in the room of Mr Scudder, and was opened with prayer by Mr Irving. The following are abstracts of the letters written during the past month.

To Dr D B. McCartee. Macao China by Dr W. A. Westcott. Dated Oct 12 1844.

1 Thanks for his promptness in attending to our request for correspondence.
2 Some intelligence &c. as to friends in Goshen N.Y.
3 Remarks on his prospects for usefulness in China.
4 Present aspect of Christian World.
5 Grounds for encouragement from the State of the Church and World. Ref. to Countries. Europe S. Islands India &c.
6 Special grounds for encouragement from God's providence thus far towards our Board.
7. Some remarks upon Mr Brown, Dr Boone, Death of Mr Apthorpe &c.

To W M Lowrie China – By W M Scott.

1. Thanks for his last & reasons for not writing sooner,
2. Request to continue writing to us without waiting always for us to write.
3. Our object in corresponding with Missionaries – not to give a quid pro quo.
4. State and prospects of the Seminary.
5. Answer to some suggestions & inquiries in Last.
6. Questions relative to climate – effect on American Const[n] &c.
7. Labors of Students as Colporteurs &c.
8. Religious instruction of the negroes – its prospects, & probable effects on Slavery – on this Country, on Africa.
9. Inquiries concerning the translation of the Bible into Chinese – &c.

To Rev. J.J. Walsh – India. By Mr Irving.

1. Reception of his letter – at what time &c.
2. Condition of Sem[y]. Faculty – Students. Missionary feeling among the latter
3. State of the Church – its lukewarmness – few revivals – Causes – One great hindrance political excitement evils of to the Church – the great want of Missionary ardor in the Churches – State of the Presb[n] Church – Episcopal – its divisions – Spread of Puseyism – Romanists – their efforts & increase.
4. Conclusion – request for continued correspondence – for Missionary intelligence Concerning India &c.

It was resolved that letters be written during the present month to Rev. J. Perkins Oroomiah, Rev. Mr Hoisington Battacotta Sem. Ceylon, & Rev J. W. Miller, Missionary to Texas

W. M. Scott
Cor. Sec.

Monday Dec. 2nd 44.

Com. Met in the room of Mr Irving, and was opened with prayer by Mr Scudder. The following are abstracts of the letters written during the last month.

To Rev Jas H. Miller Missionary to Texas By W. M. Scott Dated Nov 22 '44.

1 Request for correspondence, and objects of.
2 Kind of information and letters most desirable in
3 Remarks on interest and importance of Texas to this country and especially to Theol. Students
4 Personal items and informations

To Rev A. R. Hoisington Batticotta Ceylon. By Wm W. Scudder Nov 28th.

1 Statement of existence and objects of Society in Semy.
2. Reason for writing to him
3 Remarks on death of Mr Apthorp.
4 Missionary feeling in the Seminary.
5. State of Missions in the Church low, owing to the low state of religion.
6 Causes of the low state of piety in the Churches.
7 Efforts now making to awaken the people.
8 Request that he would correspond with the Soc'y, and statement of the kind of information most needed.

Owing to the reports concerning the breaking up of the Mission at Oroomiah, Mr Perkins was not written to, but it was resolved that he be written to during the present month together with Rev. Mr Lovelly West Africa, and Rev Dr Duff of the Scotch Mission Calcutta.

W. M. Scott. Secy.

Jany 1845.

Abstract of letter to Rev. Dr. Duff. Scotch Mission School Calcutta. By Mr Irving,

1. A brief sketch of the history and objects of the Soey. of Inquiry,
2. A desire for correspondence with him, and the advantages from such a correspondence with the Society
3. Some account of the Semy, its faculty – Students, and the state of Missionary feeling among them
4. The Missy. Spirit of the Presbn and other Churches. Our sympathy with the Free Church & its Missionaries –
5. A request for missionary intelligence concerning their institutions &c.

Abstract of a letter to Rev Justin Perkins. Oroomiah. By W M Scott. Dated Decr 23rd 1844

1 Acknowledgment of receipt of his & reasons for not replying sooner.
2. Objects of our Correspondence.
3 State of Seminary – Missionary interest etc.
4 State of Church – tokens of reviving –
5 Religious instruction of slaves – importance & prospects of –
6 Request for continued Correspondence &c — &c

Abstract of a letter to Rev. H. R. Wilson Futtehghur India Dated Jan. 24 184. By W M Scott.

1 Acknowledgment of Lett. and account of effects of reading before Monthly Concert.
2. State of Semy and prospects &c
3 State of Churches – and prospects of reviving —
4 Division in Episcopal Church. and probable results of.
5. Religious instruction of Negros – C. C. Jones — Prospective effects & results on this Country & Africa
6. Remarks on health of Prof &c Request for Contin[ued] Corres[pondence]

Conclusion ____ Our sympathy & prayers –

18 Abstract of letter to Rev. J. M. Connelly Settra Kroo. Western Africa By W. W. Scudder. Dated Jan 27. 1845.

1 Objects of the Soc. of Inquiry -
2. Death of Mr Lawyer our former correspondent in Africa
3 State of Missionary in the Church.
4 Same in Seminary -
5 Request that Mr C. would correspond with Soc.
6 The kind of information most needed.

Febury 6th 1845. The Com. met in Mr Irving's room, Opened with prayer by Mr Scudder. After consultation it was determined that letters should be written during the present month to Rev. W. G. Schauffler Missionary to the Jews, Constantinople & Rev. Joseph Owen. Allahabad India, The letters to Rev. H. R. Wilson & J. M. Conelly - above were reported. None received during last Month

W. M. Scott Secy.

March 6th 1845

The Committee met in Mr Scudders room and was opened with prayer by Mr Irving. It was judged expedient by the committee not to write to any new Missionaries during the remainder of the session owing to the number now due from those already written to, but to confine our attention to the answering of letters. The only one rec'd during the past month was from the Rev. P. Daugherty Grand Traverse Bay. which it was agreed should be answered.

The following letters were reported with their contents.

To Rev. Joseph Owen. Allahabad by Mr Scudder.

1. Reasons for addressing a letter to him
2. Request that he would correspond with the Soc. of Inq.
3 Missionary spirit in the Sem'y.
4 State of religion in the Church.

5. Miscellaneous statements.

Letter to Mr Schauffler. Missionary to the Jews at Constantinople, by Mr Irving.

1. Various reasons for writing, having no correspondence with any Missy. among the Jews, — Selection of him on account of his having labored so long amongst this people, and also being the only Miss[y]. ever sent from this Country to the Jews.

2. Missionary Spirit of this Country especially in reg[d] to Modern Israel. Presb[n] Church — Associate Reformed Church — Society for the Melioration of the Jews in this Country. — Baptist Church &c.

3 A brief sketch of the Soc. of Inq. — its present state as it regards numbers and operations, and want of Missionary Spirit in the Sem[y]. especially as it relates to the Jews.

4. Advantages of a correspondence with him — and a request to give us some account of the Schools — Hospital, Sale of his Spanish Hebrew Bible, prejudices of the people — Mr Allen the Scotch Missionary to the Jews in Cons[ple] and the other stations of the Free Church at Pesth, Berlin &c &c.

William M. Scott
Cor. Sec.

Abstract of letter to Rev. Wm Hamilton Iowa & Sac Mission written by W. M. Scott, dated April 19th 1845

1 Acknowlege recpt of last &c

2 Some accounts of Semy. — health — Missionary feeling — endowment etc

3 Mr Culbertson's letter and the China Mission —

4 Remarks upon and inquiries concerning the Indians — language, education etc.

5 Religious education of the Blacks — prospects — benefits — call for &c etc.

6 Request continued correspondence, even without waiting for replies etc.

The Sem. Sept 4th 1845

The Com of Correspondence met in the room of Mr. Forman and was opened with prayer by Mr. Potter. No letters having been written since the last meeting. Res. To write during the present month to Rev. F. B. Thomson of the Borneo Mission. Rev. Mr. Longbridge of the Creek Mission, Rev. H. R. Hoisington of the Ceylon Mission. and Rev. J. W. Miller Texas

S. Matthews Sec.

Abstract of letter written to F B Thomson of the Borneo Mission - Dated 25th Sept. 1845

1. Acknowledgment of the rec'd of last.
2. Remarks on the death of his wife, which he mentioned in his letter
3. On the "Romance of Missions"
4. Expression of hope for better state of things with regard to missionary efforts.
5. Want of definite information the cause of much of the present indifference. Illustration.
6. Condition of the Seminary
7. State of Missionary feeling in this and other seminaries (so far as known)
8. Low state of piety in Churches - The promises of God our source of encouragement.
9. Request to write, to give us facts & statistics with regard to Borneo and their efforts there.
10. Closed with request of prayers for us as theological students and reasons for such request

by C. W. Forman

Abstract of letter written to Rev. J. W. Miller Houston Texas. By S. Mattoon Sept 22d 1845

1 Acknowledgement of receipt of last letter
2 The importance of Texas as a field for missionary labour especially in view of its relation to the U. S.
3 The duty of the Pres. Church to this field.
4 Some account of the condition of the Seminary Missionary feeling &c.
5 Condition of the Churches.
6 Request for continued correspondence.

Abstract of letter written to Rev. Hak. Harrington of the Ceylon Mission. By S. Mattoon Sept. 22d 1845

1 acknowledgement of receipt of last letter.
2 Benefits to Students from such correspondence.
3 Some account of last meeting of the A. B. C. F. M.
4 Condition of Sem.. Missionary feeling &c.
5 Condition of the Churches.
6 Request for continued correspondence

Abstract of a letter to R. M. Loughridge Creek Indians by L. D. Potter Oct. 16th

1. Thanks for last letter rec'd & applic. to renew the correspondence.
2. Union in the same mystical body gives us an interest in all our Missionaries though we know them not after the flesh
3. Bro Lloyd who wrote the last letter to Mr L. has gone to China. We have heard from him
4. State of the Sem.y as to numbers, Causes of its increase since the division of the Church Other rival institutions. Present state of Theol. learning. Improvements in our course in Theology & the probable influence of this Sem.y & state of feeling towards it
5. External prosperity of the Sem.y funds, Library building &c.
6. State of religion among us, missionary feeling &c.
7. Information asked concerning the state of the Boarding School & his opinion as to the prospect of its usefulness. The Church School question among us — sentiments concerning it; Importance of the subject &c

8. Inquiries respecting the church lately organized, state of the mission
treatment by U.S. Gov. state of Temperance Soc't. Continuance of Mr Lindsey &c

Abstract of Letter written to R Armstrong, Hartford Jr

1st This being the commencement of the correspondence with him some general remarks about the object of it and reasons for expecting profit from such correspondence
2d Notice of the present condition of the Seminary
3d State of Religion & missionary feeling in Seminary
4th What wd be the good results of church members being brought to feel at a moment to suffer loss in cause of Christ
5th Encouragements to pray for better state of things
6th Request to be remembered in prayer; as the Labourers now in the harvest were constantly remembered in ours. And our need of prayers of others in making preparation to be co-workers with them.

Abstract of a letter written to Rev. M. S. Culbertson of Ningpo China, by M. S. Williams Nov. 1846.

1 Acknowledgement of & thanks for his letter & apology for delay in answering.
2. The sympathy which the students feel with him.
3. The importance & difficulty of the China Mission.
4. Information concerning the Seminary - its number of students, prospects, &c
5. The missionary spirit which is manifested.
6. Some remarks concerning the Mexican War.
7. This the probable reason of the Spirits departure
8. The growing interest & importance of the West.
9. Probable number of students who will go to this field.
10. Growing influence of Popery.
11. Salutations. &c.

Abstract of a letter written to Rev. J. M. Connelly of Africa, by M. S. Williams. Jan. 4th 1847.

1. Apology for long delay in answering.
2. Allusion to & notice of the contents of his letter.
3. Information concerning the Seminary – its number of students, its prospects of usefulness &c.
4. Their probable fields of labour.
5. The general low state of piety in the Amer. Ch.
6. Importance of Domestic Missions & call for immediate laborers there.
7. Remarks concerning the death of Missionaries sent to Africa & the indications of Providence drawn from this, as to our duty.
8. Prospects of Colonization.
9. Remarks concerning Mexican War.
10. Request to write & give all information.

Abstract of a letter by Rev. A. B. Lewis.

1 Reasons for delay in answering.

2 Difficulty in knowing what kind of information is interesting to Foreign Missionary.

3 Account of Seminary, its present condition, as to numbers, its state of piety. Number of students preparing for the Missionary work, and their expected fields of labor.

4 Need of a Missionary spirit, and the kind of Missionaries which is desirable, as a means of exciting it.

5 Assurance of our interest, and desire for prayer in our behalf.

Rev. P. Dunn Feb. 22 1847

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Abstract of a letter to Rev J. Owen.

1. Thanks for information of his letter.
2. Our agreement in his views of missionary subjects
3. Statements concerning the Sem. & the Students.
4. A number & names of those going to F. Mis-
5. Prospects of F. Missions & their relation import
6. The Mexican War & absence of the H. Spirit.
from the Hearts of the Chhs.
7. Doings of Congress & Misy from starving Ireland.

M.D. Williams Feb. 22nd 1847.

Abstract of a letter to the Rev. W. M. Lowrie - China.

1- Regrets for delay in answering his last letter
2- Thanks for information given us - particularly that concerning Morrisons translation of the Bible.
3- Allusion to his remarks concerning the misconceptions of the Chinese - and a question growing out of that remark relative to the method pursued by the Missionaries of imparting to the heathen an idea of God.
4- Notice of the Rev. Mr Eckhards defence of the School system as pursued in Ceylon - with request that he should give us his opinion about the propriety of introducing it in China
5- "Magnitude & importance of the mission" - with reason why this subject should be continually kept before the Students of the Seminary - together with the request that he would continue to give us information on these subjects.
6- The Mexican war - & Famine in Ireland -
7- Want of Missionary Spirit in the Church -
8- Number - names & probable destination of the members of the first class going on Foreign Mission.

9- Death of Bro. Turnbull - & Lectures of H. P. Johnson.
10- Return of Dr David from Europe & the cheering information concerning the advance of Evangelical Christianity in Europe communicated by him to the Students.
11- Concluding remarks with request for the prayers of the Missionaries -

E. P. Braven — March 12th 1847.

Abstract of a letter to Rev. R. Armstrong Honolulu
Sandw. Islands.

Acknowledged the receipt of his letter in May last. Thanks for the sketch which he gave of the condition of things in the Islands. Also for his advice wh was so well-timed & just. On danger of getting wrong views of the Missionary work. Romantic feelings often indulged. Some suppose a missionary life one of greater devotion than any other & think they must go if they wish to be considered eminent Christians. Only missionary spirit worthy of the name, a willingness to go wherever the Lord may call.

Some facts respecting the Seminary, Soc of Inquiry &c.

Other topics - War with Mexico. Our desire of all for peace.

Emigration - this year large - Character of those who come. Germans, Swedes, Irish. Romanists made up most entirely of emigrants a few stragglers by Passage.

Home Missions. Colportage. Instruction of slaves. Division in churches on this question appear rather to have spent their violence.

Enquiry about the prospect of raising up a native ministry & the wasting away of the Hawaiian race. On position wh Sand Islands must occupy as a commercial nation. A cause of gratitude that missionaries have gone to prepare the way for true civilization. Desire that their labors may be blessed.

Requested further correspondence.

S. K. Wright Aug. 11th 1847

Abstract of a letter to the Rev Messrs Brown & Lloyd Macao China

1 Acknowledgement of letters received & the pleasure & profit enjoyed in their reception

2 The difficulties of answering - not from the scarceness of the materials but from their superabundance.

3 Beginning with the Sandwich Islands news - 1st the missionary spirit in it at present - 2d the cause of this spirit - The spirit of God - The efforts of the various addresses of Missionaries this season - The death of Mr Fowrie also no doubt had its influence. how? shown - . also the address of the Secy of the Board. -

4 Number going on missions - names given of those going to China -

5 Statements respecting the students faculty &c &c

6 Revivals - their extent character &c

7 Domestic missions - latest reports - their difficulties - obstacles &c Skepticism - superstition - The fanaticism of Johnson the swede stated The zeal & success of home missionaries -

8 Negociations with Mexico & probable results

9 Operations of the Tract & sunday school society & education &c

10 Doings of Congress & death of Adams

11 Candidates for the Presidency - the popular opinion with regard to it & reflections &c

12 French Revolution - facts stated its present Tendency & results in future - effects on other nations.

13 The civil wars in Switzerland & their

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effects on the General Soc. - the appeal to American Churches

14 concluding remarks. must work, till to be done - difficult to decide as to the precise field of Christian effort

15 China should hold a paramount claim for christian effort. Why? shown

16. Correspondence requested & why &c -

April 4th 1848 - Wm Boone

Abstract of a letter to Rev W W Scudder Batticotta Ceylon.

1. Acknowledged the receipt of his letter of 2d Sept 47

2. Thanks — Desires expressed that he will continue his prayers

3. The cause of Missions in the interest manifested by our Churches.

4. The State of Missionary interest in the Seminary. The number and names of those in the Sem who have devoted themselves to the cause of Christ in foreign lands. A brief notice of the visits of Returned Missionaries, and the address of the Corresponding Sec of the Prs Board of F.M.

5. Although there is much encouragement, there are still some Churches which are delinquent in the cause of Missions.

6. A notice of the revivals now in progress in our land.

7. An account of the general condition of the Seminary - Changes - new repository - reading room &c -

8. Location new Churches &c &c

9. Brief notices of the war with Mexico - treaty. Revolutions in France - death of J Q Adams - Approaching Presidential Contest

10. Correspondence requested, & the kind of information

we wish. ~~to let it.~~

April 4 1848 J C Holbrook

Abstract of a letter to Rev Levi Janvier. Lodiana India.

Acknowledged rec't of his letter of June 7. 1848. Thanks & statement that an extract from it was published.

State of Missionary feeling - first, generally - referred to Miss papers. second in Seminary - some going to ~~the~~ India - One to Assam, one to Indians.

Extent & wants of the Home field - Emigration to California.

State of public moral & religion generally - Presbyterian schools -

Princeton affairs - Church edifice building - 2nd Past church - college chapel.

Seminary affairs - Library - new Refectory - "Campus" - Reading room - maps in Oratory - Professors - number of students -

Hints for an answer - would like information on

1 - ~~To what extent~~ the course & mode of teaching in the schools.

2 To what extent is English taught?

3. Could a person be useful as a teacher without a knowledge of the native language?

4 Is it advisable for men to enter this field who do not acquire languages with facility? & more generally,

5, Should the possession of very moderate abilities prevent a student desiring the office of a Missionary from seeking it any more than from seeking the office of a settled pastor at home?

6 Do you think it advisable for men to spend a short time, say from 1 to 5 years in the duties of the ministry in this country before going abroad.

We want informa - specially such as will help us to decide what is our partic duty. Shall hope soon to hear -

Salutations -

Stuart Mitchell

Asst Cor Sec Soc Enquiry.

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March 1 1849

Abstract of a letter to the Rev Seneca Cummings
of the A.B.C.F.M. Fuh Chau China
by request desiring him to write

2 Our Seminary at present – its condition not &c

3 Missionary Spirit in the the Seminary – the no of Students who are going out. The missionary interest in the faculty.

4 Stating what kind of intelligence we wish &c

Jas C Fletcher Corres Secy.

March 1 1849

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Abstract of a letter written to Rev C C Baldwin Missionary of the A.B.C.F.M. at Fuhchau China

1 Recalling old associations & the meetings of this day being the 1st Thursday of the month.

2 Seeming Correspondence

3 Misgivings & Spirits in the Seeming & the Do. of Enquiry

4 Religious Spirit in the Seeming. The mentions of the Exercises on the 22 (ult) the day for fasting & prayer.

5 Changes in the Seeming - Respectacy - reading room &c

6 A notice of the Reference

7 Churches in Princeton.

8 Questions in regard to the Fuhchau Mission of the A.B.C.F.M. & M.E. Board.

Luther Littell

Agent Cross Seq Tho. Tenn.

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Abstract of a letter to Rev Messrs Mackey and Simpson soon to sail for the Gaboon Country — West Africa.

1. Object in writing — information will be given of the Seminary & Church & Country; we desire from Missionaries information respecting their fields.

2. Allusion to their late residence amongst us — hope that bond of union may not be broken but grow stronger.

3. Request information

(1.) As to voyage — intercourse with Seamen & opinion of them as subjects of Missionary labor.

(2.) Impressions on reaching Africa appearance of the country, appearance & manners of the natives; condition of the Missionaries their success their plans & operations, present state.

(3.) How they were affected by the climate; whether its unfavorableness to foreigners has been exaggerated or not; how they commenced the study of language & what process was pursued; what station was assigned them & how they were employed with the rest.

(4.) Of the claims of Africa upon Christians her destitutions generally & the wants of their particular field; what peculiar qualifications are needed there; what are the obstacles (1.) on part of the natives

(2.) Our position in civilized & foreign countries; whether civil intercourse friendly; what portion of our duties are practised friendly. How might they be practised by the Missionaries.

(3.) What advantages result from a knowledge of medicine.

(6. What is the state of Liberia & any matters of general interest.

4. Be glad to hear as often as convenient.
5. Commend them to God & word of his grace
6. Salutations to Rev Mr Wilson.

Thomas. S. Downing Cor Sec

May 4th 1829.

Abstract of a letter to Rev Geo. M. Coan soon to sail for Oroomiah Persia

Introductory - about together at College our union in the love of the Redeemer.

Advantages of correspondence to us

1. We have our minds thus stored with valuable information.
2. We are led to pray more for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.
3. We may thus be aided in choosing our fields of labor.

The information we will try to give of the Seminary, Church, & general news.

Request information

1. As to voyage - intercourse with the

I have they may be regarded as subjects of
Missionary labor.
2. Instructions of the Missionary field.
3. The state of the Mission: health
of the Missionaries; their knowledge
of the language; what is done through the
press; the condition of the schools.
4. The character of the heathen; their
disposition to receive the Gospel.
5. What peculiar obstacles are to be
met on that field. what qualifica-
tions are requisite.
Reminded him of the Catechism.
Spoke of standard of piety here; the
prevalence of the Miss. Spirit; the num-
bers going to the heathen; many going
West. Exhortation to be humble, be
strong, be prayerful, be faithful; be like Jesus.

May 9th 1849 Thomas S. Irwin
Cor. Sec'y

The following Missionaries have Catalogues
sent them

Rev. E. McKinney	Omahaw & Otoe Mission
" P. Dougherty	Ottawa Station.
" J. M. Connelly	W. Africa Mission
" H. Mattoon	Liberia "
" W. Hamilton	Iowa & Sac "

Rev A. D. Harper Canton Mission
" J. Newton Tokiang "
" A. L. Scott Fuhchahfoo "
" J. Watson Allahabad "
" A. W. Loomis Nainpore "
" W. W. Scudder Chandagherry Ceylon
" Peter J. Gulick Waialua S. Islands.
" C. C. Baldwin Fuh Chau China.
May 9th 1849

Abstract of a letter sent Messrs Reid & Gregory who are about to go to the Canton Mission.

The same in substance was prepared for Rev J R Banney about to leave for Nd Creek Mission.

1. Pleasure of addressing them; we are one though separated.
2. Hope they will write; reasons
(1.) We may thus learn directly & accurately the state of your Mission
(2.) We may be aided in deciding upon our own courses.
(3.) We may be stimulated to pray & labor more in your behalf & for Missions generally.
3. The information we desire
(1.) Condition of the natives as regards civilization; their views; how disposed towards the truth.
(2.) Present state of the Mission; schools; no. of Communicants; progress

of the Missionaries in acquiring the language.

(3.) Obstacles; & encouragements; peculiar qualifications needed in your field.

(4.) Whether Missionary life is in general favorable to the cultivation of piety.

4. Letters to members of the Cabinet.

5. The information we will by & by communicate.

6 Farewell. Thos. L. Ewing Comr Ind Affs

May 9th 1849.

Abstract of letter to Rev. L. Smith. Sandwich Mission

Pleasure of opening a new correspondence.

State of Missionary feeling in Sam — & to Indians —

Wants of Romefield — & to Wisconsin

Princeton affairs — Churches building

Sem affairs — Read room — Professors —

Cabinet — No Students.

Required information on;

1 What are the facilities of acquiring the language.

2 How long does it take after arriving on the field.

3 What are the chief obstacles to Missionary success

State of People as regards. Education, Morals & religion.

4 What amount of help wanted another year.

Desire for correspondence.

— A.B.C.F.M. —

May 11th 1849.

Abstract of a letter to Rev. P.L. Gulick, Sandwich Islands.

Genral account of our correspondence.

Our objects in it, & a request to write what his experience may dictate as best.

Points of special inquiry.

1. Increase or diminution of population and the connection of civilization & christianity with it.

2. Extent of adoption of English language there, & probability of its supplanting the native tongue.

3. Character of their schools & genral value of mission schools.

4. Results of the late revival.

5. Influence of California.

6. Effects of French intercourse.

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7. Prospect of churches sustaining themselves both as to means & men.

General account of things in the Seminary, college &c.

John Edwards Asst Sec.

Abstract of a letter to Rev. Jonas King. Athens

1 Interest attaching to the Greek Mission arising fr. (a) the country (b) the probable results of the conversion of the Greeks, and (c) the toils and trials of the missionary -

2 The Soc. of Inquiry. its character & design A letter requested fr. Dr King to the Soc

3 Dr Miller -

4 Prospects and condition of the American churches. Revivals among many of them at present — J Annan

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Abstract of a letter to Rev Joseph. R. Wright of Ningpo-China.

1. Recent events in the history of the Seminary
(a.) Sickness-death of Bro. Candler & of Dr Miller.
(b.) Day of fasting & prayer for Colleges.
2. Events in town. (a) Erection of churches.
(b.) Some account of the revival in progress.
3. Prospects of the graduating class.
4. State of the Society of Inquiry.
5. Information requested (a) As to your progress in acquiring the language & your opinion with regard to its difficulties. (b.) Some account of the Romish Missionary operations in China.

(c.) The number of Laborers now located in your immediate vicinity. (d.) What special precautions are necessary to ensure good health.
6. General Statement in regard to political matters & incidental news.
7. Desire that the Lord Jesus will bless him.

Thomas S. Dewing Cor Sec

March 1st 1850.

Abstract of letter to Rev. L. Janvier, Lodiana, India.
Mentions recpt of letter of March 7th/57
Missionary feelings. State of Seminary.
Inauguration of Prof. W. H. Green (Sept 30/57.)
Change in Professorships. Sickness of Dr A. Alexander.
No. of Students. Health of the Students.
Feeling of the Seminaries in regard to Missions.
Remarks on the Mission in Western Africa.
The Missionaries of the last class.

1. How does the climate agree with the health of the Missionaries near you?
2. Does not previous weakness of constitution acct for so much sickness amongst Missionaries?
3. What are the positive grounds of encouragement in your field?
4. What parts of Theology do you find most useful?

Sept. 29th 1857. W. E. Lowrie

Sept. 28th 1852

Abstract of a letter to Rev. David A. Wilson, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.

Mentioned the reception of his letter, thanks for the news it contained, regrets that it had been so long unanswered.
Sympathy in his affliction, prayers for its removal.
State of Missionary feeling in the Seminary.
Election of Dr Humphrey to professorship, remarks on it, uncertainty as to his acceptance; lecturers appointed by Directors.
Urgent request for an answer. Questions—

1. Are the Children as susceptible of cultivation as the whites?
2. Is the Climate of Africa particularly detrimental to the female constitution?
3. Is it better for Missionaries to Africa to be Married?

Written by the 2nd Asst - Mr Blauvelt.

John Jones
Cor. Secretary, Com. on For. Mis. of the Soc'y of Inquiry.

Letter written to Rev. P. J. Gulick, Oahu, Hawaiian Isles, by Mr Nevius; no Abstract given me.

J. J.

Abstract of a letter to Rev. H. V. Rankin, Ningpo, China.
Oct 28th 1852.

Acknowledgment of his letter; the pleasure it afforded; suitableness of its information to our wants. Remarks on the value of such letters to us; their use in helping us to decide the question "where shall I go."
Regrets that he should have it to say - "few letters have been received."
Hopes for a renewed & steady correspondence.

Seminary News - Last class - one Missionary from it, Mr M'Queen.

1. State of feeling on Missions; renewed interest on the subject; especially as to the present first class; probability as to the number of Missionaries; as to their location. Mentioned the visit of Rev. Mr Wilson from Africa - tendency of addresses of Missionaries; why superior to every other means of getting information.
2. Remark on the readiness with which we look at the dark spots of Missionary life; necessity of a cheerful mode of thinking; look at the bright spots.
3. Action of the General Assembly with regard to the Vacant Chair in the Seminary Election of Dr Humphrey; his letter to the Directors; General feeling regarding the choice; declinature of Dr Humphrey, and reasons for it.
Dr Humphrey's letter to the Directors, dated Oct. 7th., containing his final reply; present state of Seminary chairs;
4. No. of Students in the Seminary; not so large as expected.

Princeton News -

1. First Church; call of Mr Reed, uncertainty.
2. Second Church " " " Dod, acceptance; installation; exercises at the installation; as to the prosperity of it, (the 2d Ch.) it Sunday School. Prof. Duffields effort to collect funds by means of the "Princeton Pulpit."
3. Death of Mrs Dr Alexander.
4. Publication of Dr Alexander's lectures on "Moral Science".
5. Gas introduced into Princeton & the Seminary.
6. Rev. Mr Schenck, late of the 1st Ch. now in the Church Extension office.

General News

1. Death of Daniel Webster; remark on it; his last words &c
2. Coming Election - Candidates for Presidency - &
3. Church Extension; its Object; success.
4. Presbyterian Board of Publication; Presbyterian Psalmodist.
5. Mrs Stowe's novel - Uncle's Tom's Cabin; its influence; rapid sale.

Desire for letters; request for an answer; request that he will enter into the Minutiae when writing, advantage of that.

Particular direction to be put on his letters

Question

As to his sources of information concerning Home - whether our papers are received there?

Salutations.

John Jones,
Cor. Sec. Com. For. Miss. Dep. 33

Abstract of a letter to the Rev. J. K. Wright, Shanghai, China -

April 25th 1853

Acknowledgement of his Welcome letter. State of feeling on the subject of Missions in the Seminary. No. of missionaries from the last grad. class & the present first class - with the probable location of each. Causes of this interest, Visit of Mr Wilson, Mr Lowrie, & C. C. Jones - feelings excited by appeals from home & then from Abroad.

Seminary Affairs.

1. Dr Humphrey - Dr Hall's lectures - suppositions as to the new professor &c
2. The Mission, Bible & Tract Society - Amt of Collections &c
3. Condition of things around the Seminary - Campus, fence &c - Gas.
4. Society of Inquiry - Change of its Library - alteration in Reading Room
5. Number of Students.
6. Meeting of General Assembly - business to come before it

7. Church extension movement in Philadelphia

Princeton News.

First church - no pastor, &c

Second church - its Sabbath School &c

Visit & Mrs Wm Vandyke, Mapleton

Public Affairs.

Death of the Vice President; death of Mrs Fillmore; death of Genl Pierce's son - Remarks.

Questions, or rather information asked as to

1. Advice to any one wishing to go as a missionary to China.
2. Whether, better to stay in this country a short time after graduating
3. Need of laymen in China.

Earnest desires for letters from him, & for remembrance in his prayers - with our heartfelt salutations.

John Jones.

May 10th 1853 - Sent a letter to Rev. Geo. M Queen Corisco - Africa.

The letter much the same as the one of which the abstract is above.

John Jones

Cor. Sec. Com. For. Miss. Secy. Inquiry.

Abstract of letter to Rev. Jas. L. Macker. Coisco. Africa. Apology for the neglect of his letter. Prayers answered in the going out of fellow laborers. Encouraging prospects of our Committee. Hopes for Africa. Signs of the times. Sickness of Br. Phelps. Vacant professorship. Pastor of the 1st Ch. Seminary improvements. & repairs. Election of President for College of New Jersey.

In an inclosed letter (private) to Br. Williams a request that he will correspond with the society.

Henry S. Board. Asst. Sec.

15th & 16th Oct. 1853.

Oct. 31st 1853, Abstract of letter to Rev. L. Lanier, Laodiana, India.

Mr. L's letter acknowledged with thanks. The items of information very interesting. Has our sympathy & prayers. Seminary news. Missionary spirit among the students. Death of brother Phillips. Churches in town, & their spirituality. Pastor of first church. Interest in regard to China. General news of interest. Five questions proposed. Desire for further correspondence. Words of christian cheer.

C. Howard Malcom
Ass't Cor. Sec.

Abstract of a letter to Rev C C Baldwin. Fuh Chow. China

1. Acknowledgt of receipt of his letter of May 31. — its fullness added to its interest — listened to by Society with much satisfaction
2. Remarks on Revolution in China. — duty of Xtns in view of this wonderful providence. &c
3. State of Missionary feeling in the Seminary — Sabbath Conference last week (subject. "Nature of a call to the Missionary Work".
4. Foreign Missionaries from last graduating Class. — particular mention of departure of Rev J L. Morris & wife for China on Sept 19. — also that a letter was about to be sent him from the Society. — prayers of the brethren for him.
5. Probable number of students in Diffr classes having a foreign Mission in view.
6. Diminished number of students in Seminary & probable causes. (a) Vacant professorship (statement of provisional supply) (b) Decrease in No of Candidates for ministry (& probable cause) (c) New Danville Seminary
7. Improvemts about the Seminary — external & internal new fences — gas &c.
8. Matters about Princeton. — 2nd Chh — other chhs building — Installation of Mr Macdonald pastor of 1st Chh — growth of Princeton — Flourishing state of the College — the resignation of Dr Carnahan as President — remains provisionally
9. Committee on Foreign Missions — state & members — hope some may join Bro B. in China &c.
10. Meeting of Society of Inquiry on 1st Nov. — Bro. Symmes report on Morrison's Mission to China — Class Missionary prayer meetings

11. Death of Bro. Phillips – his happy departure – funeral services &c

12. Request of a statement of the peculiar qualifications requisite in a Missionary to China, particular attention being called to that field on acct of the extraordinary state of things there – also ~~that~~ to write again, if practicable, ~~but~~ on my way out before the session closes & to direct to Cor. Sec. of Com. on F. M. of S of J.

13. Good wishes, hopes &c

Elias N. Cranel.
Cor. Sec. Com on F. M.

Oct 31. & Nov 1. 1853.

Abstract of the official part of a semi official letter to Rev John L Nevius, Ningpo. China.

1. Remarks on his being yet on his way to China &c – solicitation of his correspondence – Reminissences of Committee on Foreign Missions – Request for full particulars of his first impressions in China – information as to Missionary work & necessary qualifications of a Missionary.

Oct 29. 1853.

Written by James. M. Edmonds.
~~Asst. Cor.~~

Abstract taken by Cor. Sec. Com. on F. M.

Abstract of letter to Rev Jno. Edwards.
Choctaw Indians.

General remarks on Missionary work. Death in the Seminary. Number of students in the Seminary &c. in the For. Miss. Committee. Mr. Gregory a returned Missionary from the Choctaws. Pastor of the 1st Presbyterian church.

Questions asked.

1. Mode of preaching among the Indians.
2. As far the influence of Christianity & civilization has pervaded the Mass of the Nation.
3. Prospects for self Sustentation of Churches & pastors.
4. Climate, & diseases incident to Missionary life.

Henry B. Pratt Asst. Sec.

Nov. 12th 1853

Letter to Rev John Anderson. Free Church Mission. Madras Hindustan.

The pleasure & importance of correspondence with Missionaries not of our own Board. Request of correspondence. Local News. State of our Seminary. Students. Professors. Missionaries sent out for two years past. a very small proportion of the graduating classes. Our Vacant chair.

Questions. 1. Regarding the Free church & their system.
2. Relative importance of teaching & preaching.
3. Possibility of overcoming the frustrating effect (Mentally) of the debilitating climate of India.

Henry B. Pratt. Asst. Sec.

December 17th 1853.

Synopsis of a letter to Rev. Stephen Mattoon, Bankok, Siam: —

Desire of correspondence with him. Trust it will be a pleasure to him, as well as greatly to our advantage. General state of the Seminary. Improvements. Missionary feeling. Missionaries from the last class. Vacant professorship. Death in Seminary. Religion in town, & in our country. The college. President elected. General news of recent interest. Four questions asked. &c - &c -

C. Howard Malcom
Asst Cor. Sec.

Dec. 21st 1853.

Outline of letter to Rev William Clemens.
Corisco. Africa.

General remarks on arrival. acclimation &c. African fever in Liberia. Visit of Dr. Leighton Wilson. Sec. of the Board, & the unanimous acclaim of rejoicing made by him. Probable number in the 1st Class. personally interested. A fervent Missionary spirit much to be desired. Dr. Wilson's lectures on Pastoral Theology. Our committee. Endeavor for more regular & larger Correspondence.

Henry B. Pratt.

Jan. 19th 1854.

Letter to Rev. Geo. D. Cowan. of the A. B. C. F. M.
Oroomiah. Koordistan

Request of correspondence with him.
Interest wh. Protestant men should see in Christian Missions as making out the destines of Nations. Interest wh. so much more becomes the ch. rgt is so deficient in the work of setting up the everlasting Kingdom.
Release of Deacon Lamb. Afflictions of Gods children & his ch. ~~State of~~ Topics of Enquiry.

1 State of the Nestorian ch: Compared with other Christ chs.
2. Climate & health. Reasons for the excessive heat.
3. Papacies of the people:
4. Schools!
5. Preaching: Native preachers.

Henry B. Pratt. asst Sec.

February 19th 1864.

Rev. Lewis Grout of the Am. Board. Among the Zulus
Umsumduzi. South Africa.
Request of correspondence. Peculiar hardships & discouragements of the South African field. Some grounds for encouragement & hope arising even out of this. 1 Cor. 1. 27-29. Increasing interest of American churches in African Missions. Relations with the Free ch. Missionaries: also the Moravians: Climate. health. Provisions: Effect of the Gospel in overcoming the prejudices & hatred of the people to the truth: Ultimate effects of the Caffrarian War. Capacity for improvement: character of the native Christianity

Henry B. Pratt. Asst. Sec.

March 18th 1864.

Rev. S. L. Gulick. Oahu. Sandwich Islands
Local intelligence: Professors. Students. condition of the Seminary. Sandwich Islands. an occasion of rejoicing to the whole Church. Discouraging & unhealthy aspect. Stiff resistance. Enough real of this condition & State. Inquiries 1. Public & Social morality against up. the Papists say so much. 2. Degenerating effects of this ancient profligacy. 3. Whether other heathen nations when converted must needs be equally unbelieving & weak & indolent. 4. Present dealings of the Missionaries to the Government.

Henry B. Pratt. Asst. Sec.

April 10th 1837.

Abstract of Letter to Rev. Jno. Eliot by Rhoades Esq.

Oct. 24, 1854

Rev. Jno Edwards
Shulock C.A

Acknowledgement of letter. Death of Mrs Green. Health of Prof? & Students. Dr. McGill's Election & Inauguration - His success - Increased No. of Students. Visits of Missionaries. Dr Duff - Messrs Newton Wilson Wyatt & Freeman - Addresses of Dr. Hodge. Sailing of Mr. Newton & Bro. Barnes. Expected visit of Mr. Mackay - ~~Visit~~ Mr. Williams his plans - Interest in the Missionary cause in the Institution. Small No. pledged to the work -
Action of Am Board in reference to Slavery. His views upon it requested.

Questions.

(1) ~~Do you hope the Lord has prospered~~

(1) Do you think the influence of a Mission among the Indians is prospectively as great as elsewhere say in India - or - do you think the race is destined to exert a commanding influence amongst the nations.

(2) Do you think the hope for immediate success in the salvation of souls greater among the Indians than in India or China.

Also with ~~Salutations &~~ invitation & communicate intelligence such as he should judge desirable.

Chas. R. Mills
Agt. Cor Sec'y.

Hon. Walter Lowrie
23 Centre St. No. 4
Missions House

Nov. 12, 1854.

Rev. George O. Barnes, Allahabad
India.

The great pleasure which we have in now opening a correspondence with him. He is remembered by us with esteem & love. Words of cheer. News of the Seminary, town, & neighborhood. Hope he will soon write to us.

Charles Howard Malcom

Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Miss.

Dec 4th 1854

Rev John L Nevius — Ningpo China

Ack Knowledgement of letter. Thanks for its useful suggestions — Our Missionary Meetings their general intrest — The general intrest in Foreign Missions The Com on For Miss — Number of students & General state of piety — Small number of ~~ex~~ students pledged to the Foreign field — Visits & addresses of returned Missionaries Drs Duff. Newton Wyckoff &c — Sailing of Bro Barnes — Return of Bro Williams — also of Mr Mackey — his object &c — Inauguration of Dr McGill — His address to Dr McGill as a Prof & as a friend — The course in Sem more full — Drs Hodge & Alexander — their health &c

Affliction of Prof Green in the death of his wife — Changes & General news in town — College its new Profs &c Request a continuation of correspondence — its importance to the Society &c

A. L. Stewart
Asst Cor Sec of Com on For Missions

April 3d 1835

Rev Wm Hamilton — Otoe Indians — Bellevue Object of the Soc of Inquiry — Increasing interest on the part of the students in the Indian Missions — Rev L. Wilsons address after returning from his tour among the western Indians — General interest in our Missionary Meetings. State of the Seminary &c Request answers to the following questions — also any other information of interest

1 What is the number of Schools in the Otoe Nation?
2 Their general character — Average No of Scholars & their age?
3 Capacity for receiving an education?
4 Number of Converts & their general Christian Consistency?
5 Do many backslide
6 Feeling of the Natives toward the Whites?
7 Influence of the Missionaries upon their Government
8 Do they express a desire to have Missionaries among them?

A. L. Stewart Asst Sec

April 8d 1835 Rev Robt S Longbridge — Creek Indians Tallahassee

The contents & questions of this letter are essentially the same as the above

A. L. Stewart Asst Sec

April 6, 1855.

Rev. Peter Dougherty
Ottawas Indians.

Give the Princeton news; state of the Seminary; missionary spirit among the students. Assure him of our sympathy & prayers. Ask for general information concerning his field of labor.

Charles Howard Malcom
Cor. Sec. of Com. on For. Mis.

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